FINANCE COMMITTEE

LEWISTON, MAINE

October 30, 2006

PRESENT: Chairman Roger Provencher, Councilor Mark Paradis, Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien and Robert Reed.

ABSENT: Ronald Paradis

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Roger Provencher.

On motion of Mr. Mark Paradis, seconded by Ms. O'Brien it was

VOTED:

(108-2006) To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated October 16, 2006 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

VOTE: 3-0-1 Mr. Reed abstained

The Committee considered award of Bid LA 2006-008 on four (4) new Police Cruisers. The low bidder, Auburn Motor Sales, submitted a bid of \$82,124.92 on these four units and with the allowance for trade-in of four (4) used units, the net bid price was \$60,624.92.

Councilor Paradis questioned why the City was proceeding with the purchase of the new cruisers during a period when a freeze on capital purchases had been instituted because of the pending referendum on the Storm Water fee. It was explained that the prices received on both the new vehicles as well as the trade-ins were very favorable and that the award of the bid had to made within thirty (30) days of the October 19th bid date. It was also indicated that the freeze on capital purchases was being evaluated on a case by case basis. Councilor Paradis expressed further concern on this purchase and suggested that it might be tabled through mid November to determine the status of the petition signing for the Storm Water Referendum question.

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Mark Paradis, seconded by Ms. O'Brien it was

VOTED:

(109-2006) To award Bid LA 2006-008 on four (4) Police Cruisers for the Police Department to Auburn Motor Sales, Auburn, Maine, low bidder at a total bid price of \$82,124.92 plus an allowance for trade-in of \$21,500 for a net bid price of \$60,624.92.

VOTE: 4-0

The Committee considered award of the bid on Custodial Services for various City buildings. The proposed contract was for a three (3) year period and it was recommended that the bid be awarded to the low bidder on a building by building basis.

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Mark Paradis, seconded by Mr. Reed it was

VOTED:

(110-2006) To award Bid 2006-050 on Custodial Services for various City buildings to the low bidder on a building by building basis as follows:

Contractor	Buildings	1st year Contract Amount
Service Master Lewiston ME	Violations Bureau Police Department Public Works/Water & Sewer Solid Waste Facility Offices Operations Center	\$63,300
Squeaky Clean Lewiston ME	Library	\$30,160

VOTE: 4-0

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Mark Paradis, seconded by Ms. O'Brien it was

VOTED:

(111-2006) To award the contract for installation of a steel and metal deck on the first floor level of Mill #1 at the Bates Mill Complex to Kilbreth, Topsham, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$79,480.

VOTE: 4-0

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Mark Paradis it was

VOTED:

(112-2006) To authorize Change Order #1 to the contract with Knowles Industrial Service, on the Mill 2A Tailrace and Archway Reinforcement Project to provide for removal of silt on the tailrace floor at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.

VOTE: 4-0

It was requested that a Task Order for Technical Services Inc., who has the Master Service Agreement to assist the City with Federal and local permitting requirements be approved, in order to proceed with the Federal, State and local requirements for the construction of a Combined Sewer Overflow storage facility off of Water Street along the Androscoggin River. The contract authorization would be for an amount not to exceed \$26,000.

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Mark Paradis, seconded by Mr. Reed it was

VOTED:

(113-2006) To authorize Task Order for the permitting process associated with the construction of a Combined Sewer Overflow storage facility to Technical Services Inc., Auburn, Maine, at a total cost not to exceed \$26,000.

VOTE: 4-0

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Mark Paradis it was

VOTED:

(114-2006) To authorize Task Order #8 to the Master Service Agreement with Edwards & Kelcey to provide technical assistance support to reclassify Jepson Brook from a Class B to a Class C in an amount not exceed \$5,000.

VOTE: 4-0

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Mark Paradis it was

VOTED:

(115-2006) To award the contract for Liquid Calcium Chloride to Paris Farmers Union, South Paris, Maine, low bidder at their bid price of \$1.10 per gallon with a total estimated value of \$16,500.

VOTE: 4-0

At this time, the Committee reviewed the results of an Actuarial Valuation report on the old City Pension Plan prepared by Northeast Retirement Services as of July 1, 2006. The plan indicates that there is a reduction from last year of \$159,516 in the total value of benefits as of July 1 to \$1,908,612. The total number of retirees or beneficiaries in the plan as of that date is fourteen (14).

On motion of Mr. Mark Paradis, seconded by Mr. Reed it was

VOTED:

(116-2006) To accept and place on file the Actuarial Valuation Report of the City Pension Plan prepared by Northeast Retirement Services as of July 1, 2006.

VOTE: 4-0

VOTED:

To adjourn at 5:47 p.m.

Richard Metivier Clerk Finance Committee